

### **PRAYERS FOR OPENING A MEETING**

Dear Lord, we thank You for this opportunity to gather in friendship and harmony once again. Help us in unity to make this program a successful and effective one. In Thy name we pray.

Amen

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Loving Heavenly Father,

We come to you this hour and ask for your blessing and help as we gather. We pray for guidance in the matters at hand and ask that you would clearly show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Give us the desire to find ways to excel in our work. Help us to come together and encourage each other to excellence. We ask that we challenge each other to reach higher and farther to be the best we can be.

Amen

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Lord, we are meeting today to conduct matters of business. Guide our hearts and our minds in the spirit of fairness, right thought and speech. Impart your supreme wisdom upon our activities so that our affairs may reach a successful conclusion. Thank you for being our source of guidance today.

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Heavenly Father, help us to remember that freedom, like faith, needs our attention and our cooperation. Lord, be with us now as we meet, to strengthen us; to keep us, to protect us; to direct us. As we work together today, guide our thoughts and actions, to stay focused on what is important and to make good decisions for the betterment of our Auxiliaries and ourselves.

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Lord, as we are gathered here today may the decisions that we make, not be for our own good, but for the wellbeing of the Veterans, families, and communities we serve. May we make sound decisions, as all assembled here represent all our Auxiliaries and our members who depend on us to be truthful, and well informed of the matters before us. In this we pray.

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Father, thank You for every seat that has been filled here today. For each mind and heart that fills the presence of this room, we thank You. Only You truly know what we are setting out to accomplish today. Guide our ideas and our visions so they may align with Your vision in our purpose to serve our community and our Veterans. Bless this meeting today, all those present, as well as the lives of those we will encounter afterward. Ready us to make every moment count. In Jesus name.

Amen

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Dear God, thank You for this opportunity for us to be together. Please help us to come together to make the business of this meeting reflect your kingdom. Breathe life into our ideas and decisions and help us to be a team that has love and respect at its heart. Lord, give us the inspiration to be shining examples of Your goodness and truth. In Your name we pray.

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Dear Lord, as we meet today, please be with us. Guide our thoughts, ideas, and decisions. Bless abundantly all who are present. Come be with us, inspire us and lead us in our time together. We ask this in your name.

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Oh Lord, bless the leaders and members of this organization that we may be a sisterhood and brotherhood among ourselves and a blessing to others who look to us for guidance. Grant us wisdom and grace in the exercise of our duties. Give us the foresight to provide for the needs of our organization and to fulfill our obligations.

Amen

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Lord, thank You for allowing us to meet here today. Give us the strength and courage to forego all personal ambitions and strive to do our best for the betterment of the purpose upon which our organization was founded; remembering the duty we owe to our Veterans and their families, that we

have pledged to assist. In our prayer, we remember to ask You to bless those who cannot be with us today, particularly those who are ill and suffering. In Thy name we pray.

Amen

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We thank You for this opportunity to gather in friendship and harmony once again. Help us in unity to make this program a successful and effective one, in Thy name we pray.

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Our Father, thank You for the privilege of meeting here today. Give us Thy strength, wisdom, and guidance. Grant our members Your blessing as we work with pride and patriotism to further the aims and purposes of the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We commit ourselves to Thee, our country and to the programs we promote for Veterans and their families. Thank You for preserving our nation, where justice, freedom, democracy, and loyalty reside. Help us to retain peace and grant us Thy never-failing love.

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Almighty God, we thank You for bringing us together this day. Inspire us to worthy deeds and sound decisions and direct us toward the attainment of our goal. We pray that You would bless and protect all our people. Guide us on the path to unity and harmony.

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Lord, we are here today to conduct matters of importance. Guide our hearts and our minds in the spirit of truth and understanding. Impart Your supreme wisdom upon our actions as we dedicate ourselves to the principles of this organization. In this we pray.  
Amen

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### **PRAYERS FOR CLOSING A MEETING**

Heavenly Father, as we come to the end of our time together, we thank you for what has been accomplished today. May the matters discussed serve as a catalyst to move us forward and cause us to advance and see growth in all areas of our duties within this great organization. Please keep an ever-vigilant eye over our troops and keep them from harm's way. And as we head home, please have an ever-loving guiding hand over our travels that we can return home safely.

Amen

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Lord, glory to be You our God as we behold the blessings You have given us as citizens of the United States of America. We thank You Lord, for this blessed and bountiful land. Help us to renew our loyalty to this great country and enable us to move forward in strength and courage. Be with us as we depart today, that we all arrive to our destination safely.

Amen

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Father, thank You for the ability to gather today as a VFW Auxiliary group to discuss and make sound decisions on matters pertaining to our fellow members, veterans, families, and communities. May we all go forth from this meeting to reach our goals and serve others with an open-heart and helping hands. In this I pray.

Amen.

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Gracious Father, thank You for making this day successful. Thank You for the time we have shared, enabling us to be productive. Let what we have discussed bear fruit and impact the lives of our Veterans and their families. As we depart Lord, we ask You to go with us and see us safely home. In Jesus name we pray.

Amen

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Lord, as we leave this meeting, we thank You for Your guidance and love. We ask that You continue to watch over us until we meet again. Hold our troops and our Veterans in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protected us. Bless their families and our organization.

Amen

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Heavenly Father, as we come to the end of our time together, we thank you for what has been accomplished here today. May the matters discussed serve as a catalyst to move us forward and cause us to advance and see growth in all areas of our lives. Protect our soldiers as they sleep and guide them safely throughout each day. May we leave here recognizing that You are the God of all wisdom and that You are willing to lead us forward. This we pray in Thy name.

Amen

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Heavenly Father as we come to the end of our time together, we thank you for allowing us to gather and share our ideas and concerns. May we live our lives as bravely as those who are in harm's way and as strong as those who wait for their return. We pray for safe travels and great joy until we again join together.

Amen



## PRAYERS BEFORE MEALS

Lord, thank You for times like these with friends, old and new, where we can gather, share in food, drink, and relax after a long day of learning. Bless this meal and all that it means. May the food nourish us, and the fellowship enrich our lives. Most of all may we always invite You into our homes and into our hearts. This we ask in Your name.

Amen

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Lord, thank You. These are simple words which come from simple hearts that overflow with a realization of Your goodness. We ask You to bless this food and bless the hands that prepared it. May the words of our lips spring forth from hearts of gratitude and may we bless others as we enjoy fellowship today.

Amen

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Dear God, may You bless this table and the people assembled with Your grace as we lovingly partake of this food. May the food be used to give all assembled here energy to go forth and serve You and the Veterans, families, and communities in which we live. To You we give all thanks and glory.

Amen

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Dear Heavenly Father and Healer, we are thankful for the love that surrounds all our guests present today. We thank You for the food we are about to eat and ask it to nourish our bodies as You have nourished our souls. We are ever

thankful for the ability to share this meal and ask that You hold those families close with whom You have already embraced the souls of their cherished loved ones. In all things we pray.

Amen

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Heavenly Father, we thank You for the bounty we are about to receive. May it nourish our bodies the way Your love nourishes our souls. May the food be used to strengthen us better to serve You. We ask a special blessing on the loving hands that prepared it. We ask this in Your holy name.

Amen

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Almighty Father, we thank You for the gift of friendship. We thank You for this food to feed our bodies. We thank You for grace to nourish our souls. Bless the hands that prepare and serve this meal. We give You thanks for all our blessings. For this we pray.

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Lord, we give thanks for the pleasure of gathering for this \_\_\_\_\_ . We give thanks for life, the freedom to enjoy it all and for all other blessings. As we partake of this food, we pray for health and strength to carry on and try to live as You would have us. This we ask in Thy name.

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We give thanks for the pleasure of gathering for this occasion. We give thanks for this food prepared by loving hands. We give thanks for life, the freedom to enjoy it all, and all other blessings. This we ask in Your name.  
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Heavenly Father from above, be present at our table. May we prosper and grow, now and forever, through Your guidance and care. Bless us all and these gifts, which we receive at Your table, from Your bountiful goodness in Thy glory. In Your name we pray.  
Amen

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Dear Lord, a circle of friends is a blessed thing. We thank You for all the blessings of friendship. We thank You for this food which is ours through Your goodness. Bless the persons who worked to provide it and the persons who prepared it. Bless all who have come to share in this program and when the evening ends, may all have a safe journey home.  
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Loving Father, we praise You for all the gifts You give us for life and health, for faith and love and for the blessings of this meal that You have allowed us to share together. Father, we thank you through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

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We give you thanks from grateful hearts for this meal, for our fellowship, for Your provision of food and for those who prepared this meal. Make us ever mindful of the needs of others. May we never forget those who served and are serving, keep them safe so one day they can return to their loving families. In this we pray.  
Amen

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Our Heavenly Father, we thank You for fond memories, old friends, and new friendships. We have traveled various roads to get to this time in our lives and this place. May we always have You as our traveling companion as we journey. Bless O Lord, our food which we are about to receive from Your bounty.

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## BENEDICTION

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers; May You be with us everywhere. Grant us Your blessings day by day. May Your wisdom guide us through the year. This is our earnest prayer, until we meet again, may You be with us everywhere.

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God, grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Nation, peace, and accord; to us all Your servants, the light to guide us on our way, courage and support us and please continue to bless and unite us in service to You and this great Country.

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God, we thank You for all the food and fellowship for those assembled here. May we now go out into the world to serve You, Veterans, families, and communities in any capacity needed. In this we pray.

Amen

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Thank You for giving us this time together in friendship and unity, for this blessed feast and for blessing us to see another day. Thank You, for the words we have heard and the lessons we have learned here today. We ask for strength to carry out the lessons learned and for a peaceful journey upon departure. Continue to bless the United States of America. This we ask in Thy name.

Amen

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Thank You for the wonderful food and bounty that we have received here this evening. Thank You for this beautiful circle of friends. Help us to appreciate the world around us and those who have sacrificed so much for the freedom and American way of life we cherish each day. Give us the strength to continue serving our Veterans, military and their families with passion, hope and love. Continue to bless the United States of America. This we ask in Your name.

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Let us depart in peace and in love and charity with our neighbors. May we be joined together in the common goals of service to our God and our Country. Let us drive, safely and carefully to our homes, and may God's blessings be with us all.

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## MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Dear Lord, today as we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms, we enjoy every day, we come together united as one to honor those sacrifices. Please hold our servicemen and women in Your strong arms. Cover them with Your sheltering grace and Your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection. We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for Your unique blessing to fill their homes and we pray Your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day. In Thy name we pray.  
Amen

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Almighty and Merciful God, we remember before You this moment our dearly departed brothers and sisters. We recall with reverence the good deeds they accomplished. We honor those who served this organization with dignity and with honor. May we consecrate our hearts and lives to You our God and to this our Country; and to the ideals and principles and hopes of those whom we honor, who have served faithfully and are now at rest.  
Amen

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All Powerful God,  
Today we honor those men and women – our sons and daughters, husbands and wives, fathers, brothers, sisters, mothers – who laid down their life for their country. Whether weary or emboldened, quiet, or defiant,

vulnerable, or ready when You called them home, their sacrifice is too humbling for words except these uttered in prayer. Loving Lord, bless them forever in Your eternal peace.... Cherish their spirit, honor their commitment, send them our love, and will never forget the service they gave.  
Amen

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Lord, today we honor all the men and women who have fought for America to protect our rights of freedom of speech, religion, assembly, and election of our government officials. America is the land of the free and home of the brave. May we continue to support and uplift all that America stands for and let no foreign entity destroy it.  
Amen

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God, grant all those who served and sacrificed their lives for our freedom at home and in foreign lands eternal peace and rest. May You surround all their loved ones with love and grace as they mourn those whom they have lost. They gave their lives that we may all live in a world filled with the freedom to worship openly and live a life filled with peace and the ability to make our own decisions on how we live that life and whom we serve. May we never forget the sacrifice made by all the men and women who fought and may we honor their life until the end of our days.  
Amen

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Heavenly Father, on this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of Freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops and fill their homes with Your strength and peace. We pray through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

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Heavenly Father, please hold our fallen servicemen and women in Your loving arms. Cover them with Your grace and peace as they now rest in Your protection. Grant their families courage, peace and strength to trust in You always. Let the living not forget the price paid for our freedom. Blessed are those who mourn; for they shall be comforted. Blessed are those who fought and died, for they shall be remembered.  
Amen

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## **LOYALTY DAY PRAYER**

Dear Lord, we have gathered here for this Loyalty Day celebration in unity, to promote the true meaning of patriotism, love, and respect for our flag and country. Give us the strength, Lord, to promote this true purpose of Loyalty Day into the hearts of all Americans. This we ask in Thy name.

Amen

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### **ACTIVE MILITARY PRAYER**

Lord, hear us as we pray for all military soldiers serving in deployment around the world. In war-torn countries, which are so far from their homes, those that put their lives unselfishly on the line each day so we may feel safer. We humbly ask You to place Your mighty arms around them. Guard them from the evil one and from those that plot and plan against them with violence and destruction. Please fill their hearts with firm determination, unflinching courage and understanding.

Amen

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## **VETERANS DAY PRAYER**

God, on this Veteran's Day may all our armed forces men and women feel the appreciation of their service and sacrifices for our freedom daily. As we honor their service on this day and every day may we never forget what they have done and continue to do for peace in the world around us. Many have physical and mental issues they deal with daily. May you lay Your divine healing hands on them and heal them so they may live a better life. May we as Americans strive to reach out and help them daily as needs arise and show them how much we love and appreciate their sacrifices for our freedom. In this we pray.

Amen

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Dear Lord, today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who have given their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that You will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they face, for the sacrifices they made, and for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that You will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness.

In Thy name we pray.

Amen

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## **POW/MIA DAY**

Father, in the name of Jesus, I pray for those who have been taken captive or who are missing in war. Give them courage to persevere and the knowledge that they have not been forgotten. May our nation find ways to rescue them safely and quickly. Guide our political negotiators in their efforts to find them. Let our returned POWs walk with pride and dignity because of the suffering they have endured. Lord, please let them not be forgotten, fill us with hope for their loved ones and comrades who anxiously await their return. Lord, stay with them until they are safely returned home.

Amen

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Our Heavenly Father, who answers prayers and does not scorn the wishes of the humblest of Thy children, hear our prayer, as we come to honor our prisoners of war and to reinforce our great concern for the welfare of our service men not accounted for. We pray also for their loved ones, patiently waiting for some sign or message of hope. Give us strength to continue the search until every person is accounted for. Give us hope for a happier, brighter future. And last of all give us faith to continue all Your good work. In this we ask in Thy name.

Amen

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